

PRE-MEETING CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023
6:00 P.M.

The Pre-Meeting Conference of the City Council of the City of Vineland was called to order by the Vice President David Acosta.

The following members were present at roll call:
Councilman Ronald J. Franceschini, Jr.
Councilman Paul F. Spinelli
Councilman Albert Vargas
Vice President David Acosta

President Dr. Elizabeth A. Arthur was absent.

Also present were: Richard P. Tonetta, Esq., City Solicitor
Greg Gallo, Business Administration Staff
Edwin Alicea, Director of Public Safety
H. James Neher, Director of Public Works
Sheena Santiago, Special Events Coordinator

Vice President Acosta led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Municipal Clerk stated Public Notice of this meeting, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, has been given on December 13, 2022 by the City Clerk in the following manner:

1. Posting written notice on the official bulletin board in the lobby of the City Hall on;
2. Providing written notice to the offices of The Daily Journal and The Press of Atlantic City;
3. Filing written notice in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Vineland.

Vice President Acosta asked if anyone from the public would like to comment.

Steve Lewis commented that the Landis Park plaques look great and he offered to provide geraniums for the Memorial Day ceremony, which could be given to the Veteran's Home after the event. Again referencing Landis Park, he suggested that the sidewalks need to be power washed. He posed a few questions concerning cannabis, which were answered by Solicitor Tonetta.

There being no one further to be heard, the Clerk reviewed revisions and additions to the agenda.

Resolution 2023-238, awarding a contract to Capela Construction Inc., Medford Lakes, NJ for the sandwash outfall repair, was revised. Resolution 2023-244, supporting the Natural Vineland Committee in its application to the National Wildlife Federation for certification of the City of Vineland as a community wildlife habitat, was added. Resolution 2023-245, recognizing May 21 through May 27, 2023 as National EMS Week with the theme of "EMS: Where the Emergency Begins," was added. Resolution 2023-246, granting final approval of the estate of Ralph Franceschini application to sell development easement, was added. Resolution 2023-247, authorizing a contract to Ocean First Bank, Vineland, NJ for banking services for the City of Vineland, was added.

The Clerk reminded everyone that no meeting is scheduled next Tuesday, since it is the fifth Tuesday of the month.

Councilman Franceschini reported that the Vineland Public Library will have a Social Worker available from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., paid for by a grant.

Councilman Vargas stated that fifty children are registered for the PAL summer camp. Bus transportation is an issue that still has not been resolved. The annual fishing tournament for children is on June 3 at Campanella Park. Pagliughi Park paving is complete, and the Landis Park monuments look great. There is a target date of September 30 for the Landis Park statue that is being cast.

Councilman Spinelli reported that the VDIM car show is coming up. The Food Truck Festival is scheduled in August. The Landis Theater will have a music event on June 3 and June 4. A music festival is planned at City Hall on June 24, there will be a Juneteenth event, and a Columbus Day weekend event.

Director Alicea stated that the Memorial Day parade begins at 9 a.m. next Monday, with the ceremony immediately following at Landis Park.

President Arthur entertained a motion by Councilman Acosta, and seconded by Councilman Franceschini, to adjourn the meeting. The Clerk called the roll: YEAS: Councilman Acosta
Councilman Franceschini
Councilman Spinelli
Councilman Vargas
President Arthur

ATTEST:

David Acosta
Vice President

Keith Petrosky, RMC
Municipal Clerk